

can read their sermons and you would say "certainly they believed in the deity of the Holy Spirit " But if y u had ~~had~~ asked them to discuss it in theological language, their words would have varied tremendously because the matter had not really been argued through. But now when they came to argue the matter of whether Jesus Christ actually was part of the holy trinity or not, naturally it brought with it the idea of what about the Holy Spirit. The Arians knew exactly what they ~~and~~ felt from their viewpoint. They said "God the Father created the Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus made the world and everything in it including the Holy Spirit." So the Holy Spirit according to them was a creation of Jesus. So according to their thinking it would not be improper to call him God in a sense. But they did not think he was on a par with God the Father. Now of course the followers of the Nicene Creed are in a difficulty to know exactly what to say about the Holy Spirit and they were so busy with the discussion about the deity of Christ that they didn't give particular attention. But the theologians who were trying to make their sermons actually accurate in their dealings with these things and to in their sermons say something about the Holy Spirit; one said "some consider the Holy Spirit an influence; others God himself and again others know not which way to decide!" For this reason they wavered between, not knowing whether to worship the Holy Spirit or not and strike a middle cord which in fact is a bad one. So they were dissatisfied with what they had done and did not know just what was safe to believe about the Holy Spirit. So there were those who tried to conciliate the arians. They said the Arians are absolutely wrong about the fact of Christ for he is God from all eternity ~~but~~ when they say Jesus is the first created being they are wrong because Jesus is God from all eternity; but the Holy Spirit is a created being. So there was a group which came to be called Macedonians which said that. They had various other names -----5 but they came to be called the Macedonians after one of the leaders. He said "God the Father and God the Son are God from all eternity but the Holy Spirit is the first created of all created beings."